

### How do we know about Jesus? The Greco-Roman sources 1) Tacitus

The first Roman historian to mention Christ is Tacitus, who wrote his last significant work, the Annals, around A.D. 115. In this treatise, Tacitus describes the great fire of Rome during the reign of Nero and the emperor's subsequent persecution of the Christians there. He states: "Nero created scapegoats and subjected to the most refined tortures those whom the common people called 'Christians'....Their name comes from Christ, who, during the reign of Tiberius, had been executed by the procurator Pontius Pilate" (Annals 15:44). At first glance, this is an impressive passage for the Christian apologist. But let's dig a little deeper. Where did Tacitus get his information about Jesus' execution? It is doubtful that he was quoting an official Roman document from the period because, as scholars are quick to point out, he mistakenly calls Pilate a procurator when he was actually a prefect. Perhaps Tacitus received it from his close friend Pliny the Younger, who may well have shared the knowledge he had acquired from contact with Christians in Asia Minor. But even if this is the case, the most we can say is that Tacitus is simply repeating what Christians of his day were saying about their origins. There is not much basis here for concluding that he was presenting independent testimony about the historical figure of Jesus. Tbc.

**Bishops around the world** are being asked to take a realistic look at the situation of families under their care and at how effective pastoral and educational programs have been at promoting church teaching on sexuality, marriage and family life. The preparatory document for the extraordinary Synod of Bishops on the family, which will be held in October 2014, ends with 38 questions about how church teaching is promoted, how well it is accepted and ways in which modern people and societies challenge the Catholic view of marriage and family. Archbishop Lorenzo Baldisseri, general secretary of the synod, asked bishops to distribute the document and questionnaire "as widely as possible" to deaneries and parishes, summarize the responses and send them to the Vatican by the end of January...The extraordinary synod on "pastoral challenges to the family in the context of evangelization" was convoked by Pope Francis for Oct. 5-19 and will bring together presidents of bishops' conferences, the heads of Eastern Catholic churches and the heads of Vatican offices to describe the current situation and "to collect the bishops' experiences and proposals in proclaiming and living the Gospel of the family in a credible manner," the document said....Some people may believe changes in church teaching are in store given Pope Francis' emphasis on mercy, forgiveness and not judging others, and his specific comments on helping divorced and civilly remarried couples who cannot receive Communion. However, the document said, "the teaching of the faith on marriage is to be presented in an articulate and efficacious manner so that it might reach hearts and transform them in accordance with God's will"...Church teaching always has been clear that marriage is a lifelong bond between one man and one woman open to having and educating children, it said, and the synod's goal will be "to communicate this message with greater incisiveness"...The preparatory document specifically mentioned modern contributions to church teaching, including the Second Vatican Council's defence of the dignity of marriage and family, Pope Paul VI's encyclical "Humanae Vitae" on fidelity and procreation in marriage, and Blessed John Paul II's teaching on God's plan for married love...

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## 10<sup>th</sup> Nov 2013 (C)

### 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING:** Maccabees 7:1-2. 9-14

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING:** Paul 2:16 – 3:5

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Luke 20:27-38

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. In green pastures he gives me rest, he leads me beside the waters of peace.



### WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Sat. Vigil: 5pm

Sunday: 8am, 9:30am & 5pm

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Mon, Tues & Thurs: 7:30am

Wed: 6pm

Fri: 9:15am

Sat: 9:15am (Sthn Cross Apts)

**HOLY HOUR:** Wed: 5pm

**RECONCILIATION:**

Wed: 5:15 – 5:45pm

Sat: 4:15 – 4:45pm

**BAPTISMS:**

Sundays 9:30am Mass

**BAPTISMAL PROGRAMME &**

**WEDDINGS:**

By appointment

**ANOINTING MASS:**

Quarterly: 1<sup>st</sup> weekend

**1<sup>ST</sup> SAT OF EACH MONTH:**

11am Mass in honour of Our Lady.

**PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME:**

**100%** tax deductible. Please join by contacting parish office.

**FAITH FORMATION:**

Sundays 3:30pm (in presbytery)

**OFFICE HOURS:**

Mon, Wed & Fri 9am to 2:30pm

### MASS INTENTIONS:

Please note that from 1 Nov to 15 Nov, **no individual Mass intentions** will be offered. Instead Masses will be offered for the souls of all our dearly departed relatives and friends.

**November Memorial Masses: Envelopes are now available in the pews for your Mass intentions. Please place these envelopes in the special box near the altar.**

**OUR SICK:** Aloysius Chong, Marie Busuttill, Pat Raby, Maria De Andrade, Mollie Burgess, Patricia Flannery, Alan Sargeant. Josephine Helback, Carmella Cicciari Joy Williams, Moira Butler and Domenico Cirillo...

**Accommodation still available in Foley Gardens. Please call Fr. Jerzy on 93491292 or 0411125357 and you will be referred for further details to Mr. Robert O'Shea, the manager.**

Happy Belated Birthday to **Giovanni (John) Merillo (3<sup>rd</sup>)**.  
Happy Birthdays to: **Jimmy Chandra (16<sup>th</sup>)**.

\* **Parish School News: 1) Class Mass: Fri 15 Nov: Yr 6; Fri 22 Nov: Yr 1.**

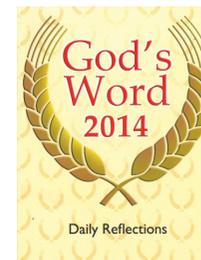
\* **CWF Appeal:** From the Archdiocese: "Please accept our grateful thanks for your generous support for the appeal held last weekend. By working together, the work that the CWF is doing in our community can continue, allowing us to extend our network of support to as many as possible. Through this charity, we can see the value of us working together and how much it is needed. Once again our sincere thanks." *Specially printed envelopes are still available in the pews for your donations. Amounts over \$2 are 100% tax-deductible.*

\* **Melbourne Cup Sweep winners: Please check the noticeboard for your names. If you have won, please see Patricia in the church foyer to collect your winnings.**

**REMINDER: A Concert of Classical Sacred Choral Music** (to be given by the consort Schola Nova) will be held on **Fri 15 Nov at 7:30pm** in 'The Cottage' of The Coast Centre, Pine Ave, Little Bay. The Schola Nova is a recently formed choral group under the direction of Dr. (Fr.) John de Luca.

**This weekend: Vigil:** J Haggar (A) Volunteer, J Spora (R) S Kim, Volunteer (C) Thomas W. (M)  
**8:00am:** J Heaney (A) V Meyer, R Wijaya (R) M Alimario, G Gates (C) P Low (M)  
**9:30am:** A Varghese (A) M Tjokrowidjaja, D Tjahjadi (R) I Tjahjadi (C) A Burton (M)  
**5:00pm:** R Yang (A), Volunteers **Counter:** J De Andrade

**Next weekend: Vigil:** J Haggar (A) A Wojciechowski, T Haglund (R) M Wong, Volunteer (C)  
**8:00am:** J Heaney (A) Volunteer, F De Andrade (R) O Sarmiento, V Meyer (C) P Low (M)  
**9:30am:** Volunteer E Widjaja, H Widjaja (R) Volunteer (C) A Burton (M)  
**5:00pm:** R Yang (A), Volunteers please **Counter:** J De Andrade



**"God's Word 2014" books have arrived. 2 books for \$20 – 1 copy dedicated to our Parish and 1 copy for you to bring home. ALL PROCEEDS will go to the NSW October 2013 Bushfire Victims Appeal (through St Vincent de Paul).**

**Perfect as Christmas gifts for your family and friends.**

**WYD 2016**  
KRAKÓW  
**BINGO LUNCH**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Nov. from 11am in the Parish Hall.** All welcome! Lots of prizes to win...fruit baskets, meat trays, movie tickets and lots more...every winner gets to choose 2 or more prizes!! BYO lunch...coffee/tea/cordial provided. Bingo tickets from 50cents each...

## Remembrance Day

11th November 2013

*The eleventh hour, of the eleventh day,  
of the eleventh month...  
We Will Remember Them!*



Remembrance Day marks the anniversary of armistice which ended the First World War (1914-18). Each year on 11 November at the eleventh hour, we observe one minute silence in memory of those who paid the supreme sacrifice or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts.

**Other Notices:** **FREE MOVIE SCREENING:** 'For Greater Glory'. Starring Andy Garcia & Eva Longoria. This exhilarating action epic about the battle for the faith in Mexico will be screened at The Mustard Seed Bookshop, 3 Keating Street Lidcombe on Friday, 29 November at 7.30pm. Reserve your FREE tickets by emailing [bookshop@caec.com.au](mailto:bookshop@caec.com.au) or by phone on 9646 9000. **iWitness Conference** is an annual Conference for young people (18-35) created in the spirit of World Youth Day Sydney 2008. This year the Conference theme is 'Benedict & Beyond', leading a focus on Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI's contribution to the Church and exploring how Pope Francis is building on this legacy. For more info. and to register, go to [www.lifetothefull.com.au](http://www.lifetothefull.com.au). **University of Notre Dame Applications for 2014** for various courses are still open. Alternative entry pathways are also available. For further info. contact the office on 8204 4404 or email [sydney@nd.edu.au](mailto:sydney@nd.edu.au). Course Info Day is held on **3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2014** from 9am to 3pm. **Palms Australia**, a Catholic agency, support skilled Australian volunteers in long-term placements across Asia, Africa and the Pacific. Simply shop at [www.coffup.com.au](http://www.coffup.com.au) and you will be helping Palms fill many requests from the poorest of the poor communities. If you wish to make a donation, please visit [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au) or ring 9518 9551. **Faith in Action – Catholic Social Justice Expo: 30<sup>th</sup> Nov-all day** at the Univ. of Notre Dame-Sydney Campus organised by the Justice and Peace office. For further details, visit <http://faithinaction2013.org/>.